

**REMARKS**

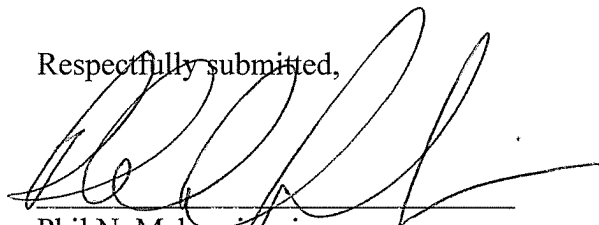
Claims 1-10 and 19-22 are pending. Applicants would like to thank Examiner for interviewing this case on April 24, 2007 and discussing the amendment to figure 3b and agreeing that support for such amendment exists in, for example, paragraph [0027] of the specification. Applicants submit the replacement sheet in response to this Ex Parte Quayle office action. Based on this completion of the formalities, allowance is kindly requested.

**Fee Authorization**

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (order no. 5178)**. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

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